GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4566
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2009
SAMBHAR SALTS LIMITED
Joshi Shri Mahesh

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the royalty fixed in 1959 for the State of Rajasthan from Sambhar Salts Ltd. is being paid at present;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the rate of said royalty to the State of Rajasthan on annual basis;

(c) the total area of land with Sambhar Salts Ltd;

(d) the area out of it, being utilized for salt production and being used as a reservoir;

(e) the initiative taken by Sambhar Salts Ltd. for conservation of the Sambhar Lake;

(f) whether the Government proposes to divest Sambhar Salts Ltd; and

(g) if so, the time by which it is likely to be divested?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) : In lieu of full compensation to Government of Rajasthan for royalty, Government of India has allotted free shares in favour of Government of Rajasthan to the extent of 40% of paid up capital of the company. Hence, in view of this, Sambhar Salts Ltd. is not paying any royalty to Government of Rajasthan. However, as per V.T. Krishnamachari Award 1961, lease rent @ of Rs. 5.50 lakhs per annum is payable by Sambhar Salts Ltd. to Government of Rajasthan.

(b): Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c): Sambhar Salts Ltd., has been given 90 Sq. Miles land on lease for 99 years.

(d): Out of 90 Sq. Miles land, 60 Sq. Miles is the lake area and 30 Sq. Miles is utilized for salt production which includes area for the collection of water and 16.5 Sq. Miles area used as Reservoir.

(e): The company is continuously pursuing with the Government of Rajasthan to ensure free flow of water into the lake.

(f): No.

(g): Not applicable.